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ALL CANADIAN CONSULATES (BY POUCH)

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TAGS: ENRG, CA, US

SUBJECT: ENERGY: GAS AND OIL PIPELINES

1. SHORT VANCOUVER SUN AND PROVINCE PRESS REPORTS ON FOUR-DAY (MAY 27-31) U.S.-CANADIAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING IN VICTORIA FOCUSED ON QUESTIONS OF POSSIBLE NATURAL GAS AND OIL PIPELINE ROUTES. VANCOUVER SUN OF MAY 30 REPORTED THAT CONGRESSMAN MEEDS (WASH.) FOUND CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS VERY, VERY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT SHIPPING ALASKAN OIL THROUGH INNER WATERS TO CHERRY POINT. HE SAID THAT "THEY WOULD SUPPORT AND WORK WITH US ON A SINGLE PORT FACILITY ON THE OUTSIDE -- IN THE PORT ANGELES AREA -- AND EVEN SUGGESTED MORE SUPPORT FOR THEIR OWN KITIMAT AREA THAN THEY HAVE CHERRY POINT".

2. THE PROVINCE OF MAY 31 REPORTS THAT CANADIAN MP DAVID MACDONALD (EGMONT) SAID U.S. CONGRESSMEN MADE IT CLEAR THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS OBJECTIONS FROM THE AMERICANS IF CANADA DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MACKENZIE VALLEY GAS PIPELINE ROUTE AND THAT IT WAS EVEN POSSIBLE THE U.S. WOULD PROCEED WITH ITS OWN TRANS-ALASKA ROUTE AND SHIP LIQUIFIED GAS BY TANKER DOWN THE B.C. COAST IN COMPETITION WITH THE MACKENZIE  
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VALLEY LINE. "THEN WE'D HAVE THE WORST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS -- ALL THE DAMAGE A PIPELINE WOULD CAUSE AND MORE TANKERS THAN EVER DOWN THE COAST."

3. MACDONALD SAID THE U.S. LEGISLATORS EXPLAINED THE MACKENZIE LINE WOULD MEAN THAT ALASKA COULD NOT GET FULL BENEFITS FROM ITS GAS AND WOULD MEAN HIGHER PRICES TO CUSTOMERS IN THE U.S. MIDWEST. HE

ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST U.S. LEGISLATORS SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THE  
ALCAN PROPOSAL WOULD BE A SUITABLE COMPROMISE AND THAT EVEN ALASKAN  
REPS AT THE MEETING SAID THEY DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS  
OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A LINE.  
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